

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

EARLY VOTING SITES, DATES AND TIMES

FEDERAL AND STATE OF TENNESSEE DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

RUTHERFORD COUNTY GENERAL

AUGUST 7, 2008

EARLY VOTING SITES FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2008 ELECTION ARE LISTED BELOW:

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY
ELECTION COMMISSION
OPERATIONS CENTER
426 E. VINE STREET
MURFREESBORO**

**TENNESSEE REHABILITATION CENTER
460 NINTH AVE.
SMYRNA**

**RUTHERFORD
COUNTY ELECTION
COMMISSION OFFICE
#1 PUBLIC SQUARE, ROOM
103 MURFREESBORO**

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY
AGRICULTURE CENTER
1026 GOLF LANE
(OLD FORT PARK) MURFREESBORO**

**MURFREESBORO
SPORTSCOM
2310 MEMORIAL BLVD.
MURFREESBORO**

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

July 18-August 2, 2008

Tennessee Rehab Center	M-F 10:00-7pm	Sat. 8-12:00 Noon
Murfreesboro Sports Com	M-F 10:00-7pm	Sat 8-12:00 Noon
Election Comm Operations Ctr.	M-F 10:00-7pm	Sat 8-12:00 Noon
Agriculture Center	M-F 10:00-7pm	Sat 8-12:00 Noon
Election Com. Office	M-F 7:00- 7pm	Sat 8-12:00 Noon

NOTE: All Early Voting Sites will be open

July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2008 until 8:00 p.m.

- * **CHANGE OF ADDRESS,**
- * **ABSENTEE VOTING**
- * **POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBLE: ELDERLY AND DISABLED**
- * **EMERGENCY VOTING**
- * **POLL WATCHERS**

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS DEADLINE:** Voters who have moved within Rutherford County may change their address at the Early Voting Site or by sending a change of address in writing to the Rutherford County Election Commission Office, #1 Public Square South, Room 103, Murfreesboro, Tennessee no later than August 2, 2008

***ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** The last day eligible voters may request an absentee ballot is July 31, 2008. Requests for Absentee Ballots must be in writing and signed by the voter. Voters may vote Absentee for the following reasons:

1. If for any reason other than imprisonment, the voter will be outside Rutherford County where the voter is registered during the early voting period and on Election Day.
2. If the person is a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or disabled person.
3. If the voter is an election official, member or employee of the Election Commission on Election Day.
4. If the voter is observing a religious holiday.
5. A voter who possesses a valid commercial driver license and who certifies that the voter will be working outside Rutherford County where the voter is registered during early voting period and Election Day; and has no specific out-of-state location to which mail may be received during such time.
6. Students and spouses of students temporarily residing out of Rutherford County.
7. Voters requesting an absentee ballot may send a written request for an absentee ballot to the Rutherford County Election Commission with the following information by July 31, 2008.

- Name of Registered Voter
- The Address of the Voter's Residence
- The Voter's Social Security Number
- The Address to mail the ballot outside of the County
- The election the voter wishes to participate in
- The reason the voter wishes to vote absentee
- Request for absentee ballot must include the voters signature

Voters who are unable to go to the polls or to the Election Commission Office on Election Day because of sickness, hospitalization, or physical disability may send a written request for an absentee ballot along with a physician statement to the Election Commission Office not later than July 31, 2008

****Persons 65 years of age or older may either vote early by personal appearance or send a written request for an absentee ballot to be mailed to their home. Eligible voters desiring to vote absentee must submit their request not later than July 31, 2008.**

****Absentee ballot requests by eligible military personnel and/or their spouses must be received no later than seven days before Election Date (July 31, 2008) at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office for processing.**

***ACCESSIBILITY TO THE DISABLED, ELDERLY;** Disabled voters or elderly voters (65 years or older) who might require the use of a wheelchair, walker, cane, crutches, or might require the use of a leg or back brace may vote at the Rutherford County Election Commission Office if they possess a physician's statement stating that in such physician's medical judgment, the voter is physically disabled in such a manner that renders such voter unable to go to such voter's polling place and vote. The affidavit must be received by the Rutherford County Election Commission at least ten (10) days before the first election in which the elderly or handicapped voter plans to vote at the election commission office on Election Day.

***EMERGENCY VOTING:** Eligible voters hospitalized within Rutherford County not more than twenty (20) days before the election and no later than the opening of the polls on Election Day may call the Rutherford County Election Commission at 615-898-7743 for voting assistance. Election Day requests for emergency voting must be received before 7:00 a.m. Additionally, eligible voters who experience a death of a relative which would result in the absence from the state or county on election day and can demonstrate reasonable proof to the Administrator of Elections, or deputy, shall be eligible to vote absentee by personal appearance at the election commission office, not more than five (5) days, nor later than the day prior to the election. The same eligibility would apply if a voter receives a subpoena or service of process requiring a voter's presence on Election Day.

POLL WATCHERS: All appointments of Poll Watchers shall be in writing and signed by the candidate or organizations authorized to make the appointments. Poll Watchers must be seventeen (17) years of age by the date of the election. Names of Poll Watchers shall be submitted to the Rutherford County Election Commission no later than 12:00 (NOON) of the second day before the election. Persons appearing at the polling place claiming to be poll watchers during the early voting period and on Election Day without proper authorization as listed above will not be allowed in the polling place. Authorized Poll Watchers must abide by procedures as established in TCA 2-7-104.

NOTE: If you have questions regarding the above procedures or about the election process in general, please call the Rutherford County Election Commission Office at 615-898-7743 or for the hearing impaired 615-898-7937. Election information is available on the World Wide Web at www.rutherfordcountyttn.gov/election or by e-mail at election@rutherfordcountyttn.org.

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